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QUOTE S E C R E T LONDON 05366

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TAGS: PORG, UNSC, WA, UK, US

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UK CONCERN ABOUT UNILATERAL US ACTIONS

REF: USUN 01257

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION ON  
APRIL 5, MINISTER OF STATE TED ROWLANDS  
MADE A POINT OF TELLING DCM THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN  
WAS "INCENSED" OVER US ACTIONS WITH THE FRONTLINE STATES  
ON THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE. BY PROCEEDING UNILATERALLY, THE  
US HAD, IN OWEN'S VIEW, SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT THE CONTACT  
GROUP. AS NOTED IN MURRAY'S COMMENT (REFTEL PARA 2),  
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THE BRITISH WERE NOW ASKING THEMSELVES WHAT ELSE -  
PERHAPS CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS? - THE US MIGHT HAVE  
DISCUSSED WITH THE FRONTLINE ON A UNILATERAL BASIS.

2. WHATEVER ACTION IS TAKEN TO POUR OIL ON THE TROUBLE  
WATERS OF WALVIS BAY WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK  
WE BELIEVE THE MAINTENANCE OF CREDIBILITY WITH HMG AT A

TIME WHEN WE ARE EMBARKING ON A FRESH ROUND OF BILATERAL  
INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY  
A FRANK AND DIRECT EXPLANATION TO OWEN OF OUR ACTIONS  
AND THE RATIONALE FOR THEM.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO USUN.  
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